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(REPORT NO. 2)

1. SITE OF WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE (WPC) ALMOST A DAILY RE-CURRING THEME. COSTA RICA HAS WITHDRAWN OFFER TO HOST CONFERENCE AFTER DETERMINATION FACILITIES INADEQUATE FOR TWO TO THREE THOUSAND EXPECTED ATTENDEES. UK RES CALLING ON CARRILLO FLORES TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR LDC HOST, BUT WITH PREFERENCE FOR GENEVA OVER NEW YORK, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY POP COMMISSION ON MARCH 27, SUBSEQUENTLY ROMANIA HAS INFORMALLY BUT NOT YET OFFICIALLY OFFERED TO HOST CONFERENCE. CARRILLO FLORES INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATION FOR SPRING ECOSOC FOR DECISION ON SITE.

2. COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA IS \$57,800 PRINCIPALLY DUE TO MOVEMENT OF SECT AND INFORMATION STAFFS TO GENEVA. NEVERTHELESS UN COMPTROLLER'S SPOKESMAN SADDLER SAID NO ADDITIONAL REQUEST WOULD BE MADE TO GA; COULD BE HANDLED WITHIN EXISTING BUDGET.

3. SADDLER ALSO EXPLAINED TWO KINDS OF COSTS PERIOD 1972-1974 FOR PREPARING AND HOLDING WPC:

A. \$1.6 MILLION FROM REGULAR UN BUDGET FOR SERVICES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONNEL ALREADY AVAILABLE AND THUS NON- DDITIVE;

B. \$2.0 MILLION FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN REGULAR BUDGET. UNFPA SOLKESMAN GILLE STATED UNFPA PREPARED COMMIT 1.8 MILLION FOR SYMPOSIA, OTHER CONFERENCE PREPARATION, AND CONFERENCE. DIRECTOR POPULATION DIVISION TERMED BUDGET ADEQUATE AND ACKNOWLEDGED DUE RECRUITMENT DIFFICULTIES SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF ADDITIVE FUNDS FROM UNFPA IN 1972 HAD NOT BEEN USED. CARRILLO FLORES DESCRIBED BUDGET FOR HIS IMMEDIATE OFFICE AS BEING IN ACCORD WITH UN PROCEDURES AND ALLOWANCES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS BUDGET DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SUFFICIENT TRAVEL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES HE BELIEVED ESSENTIAL, AND TO HELP MEET THESE NEEDS HE HAD RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$80,000 FROM PRIVATE MEXICAN GROUP. HE ADDED THAT IF HE SAW ADDITIONAL NEEDS HE WOULD SEEK OTHER DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES.

4. AT US INITIATIVE POP COMMISSION REQUESTED SYG PREPARE A FIRST DRAFT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR WPC BY 30 JUNE 1973. THIS DRAFT TO BE CONSIDERED BY POP COMMISSION AT 17 TH SESSION AND FINAL TEXT AT THIRD SPECIAL SESSION MARCH 1974 PRIOR ECOSOC ADOPTION.

5. WORKING GROUP ON DOCUMENTATION REPORT TOOK TWO DAYS OF SPECIAL SESSION AND EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS:

A. FIVE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, I. E., ONE FOR EACH OF FOUR SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEM PLUS ONE FOR WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION;

B. INVITED SPECIALISTS' PAPERS TO BE CONSIDERED EITHER AS BACKGROUND OF SYMPOSIA DOCUMENT;

C. SCHEMATIC LIST OF ALL DOCUMENTS (ABOUT 60) WITH BRIEF ANNOTATIONS TO BE PROVIDED BEFORE END OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION;

D. SCREENING GROUP TO BE CHOSEN BY POP DIVISION DIRECTOR TO SELECT ABOUT 20 PAPERS OF GREATEST VALUE TO GOVERNMENTS AT CONFERENCE FOR TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION;

E. REMAINING DOCUMENTS TO BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST IN ORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND LIMITED COPIES;
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F. REPORTS OF SYMPOSIA AND REGIONAL INTER- GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN TRANSLATION.

6. ROLE OF NON- GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AT WPC NEATLY SOVLED BY COMMISSION' S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER BY CONFERENCE OF NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS-- COMPRISING SOME 500 NGOS ACCREDITED TO ECOSOC-- TO UNDERTAKE FORUM OR " POPULATION TRIBUNE" HELD AT SITE OF WPC. OFFER UNDERCUT ATTEMPT BY INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF POPULATION TO DOMINATE SUCH A PARALLEL

ACTIVITY TO WPC IN WHICH IUSSP HAD BEEN PREPARED ADMIT ONLY " SCIENTISTS" AND GIVE NO OUTLET OR FACILITIES FOR OTHER GROUPS. SEVERAL NATIONS INCLUDING US SPOKE OF NECESSITY OF NGOS BEING COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM WPC AND DEPENDENT UPON OWN FINANCES.

7. TWO ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH WORLD POPULATION YEAR GENERATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST :

A. WORLD FERTILITY SURVEY WELL RECEIVED AND CRITIQUED BY ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT BRAZIL WHICH RESERVED JUDGMENT UNTIL NEXT SESSION OF POP COMMISSION;

B. AFRICAN CENSUS PROGRAM CAME IN FOR CRITICISM FROM BOTH AFRICAN (ESPECIALLY GHANA) AND DONOR COUNTRIES DUE TO DELAYS UNFPA INDICATED AN UNFPA REGIONAL COORDINATOR WILL SOON BE SENT TO ECA TO PROVIDE THE FOCAL POINT US SAID WAS LACKING IN PROGRAM. US ASKED TO HAVE STATUS REPORT AT 17 TH SESSION IN GENEVA.
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